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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A brush for cleaning purposes comprising:

an elongate block;

- a spigot extending laterally from the block;
- a handle secured to the spigot; and
- a plurality of outwardly-extending bristles secured to the block, including bristles on a region of block adjacent surrounding the spigot which bristles extend generally in the direction of the spigot towards the handle.
- 2. (original) A brush according to claim 1 wherein the block is of generally cylindrical form.
- 3. (original) A brush according to claim 2 wherein the block has part-spherical or hemispherical ends.
- 4. (original) A brush according to claim 1 wherein the spigot is unitarily formed with the block.
- 5. (original) A brush according to claim 1 wherein the handle is formed with a recess within a recess within which the spigot is fitted.
- 6. (original) A brush according to claim 5 wherein the handle is secured to the spigot by means of a pin.
- 7. (withdrawn) A method of manufacture of a brush having a block of elongate form

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defining a plurality of bristle-receiving recesses therein, and a spigot extending laterally from the block, comprising the steps of:

- i) gripping the spigot in a movably-mounted clamp;
- ii) sequentially aligning each recess with a bristle-inserting tool and forcing a clump of bristles into that recess; and
- iii) securing a handle to the spigot.
- 8. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein the clamp is mounted to allow rotation about two perpendicular exes.
- 9. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein the clamp is adapted to hold the block in a manner whereby at least half the block is exposed.
- 10. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein step ii) is carried out with the block held in a first orientation, followed by a second orientation opposite to said first orientation.
- 11. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein the clamp comprises a scissor-like structure movable between an open position in which the spigot can be fitted or removed from the clamp and a closed position in which the spigot is firmly gripped therein.